Setting up of Atomic Power Plants in the Country

3138. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places for which Government have received proposals for the location of atomic power plants in the country;

(b) what are the names of places which have been recommended by the site selection committee in all the four electricity regions, in the country separately, stating the dates of submission of report by all the committees, separately;

(c) what are the names of the place from amongst those referred to in parts (a) and (b) above, which are actually being considered by Government for setting up of atomic power plants and the dates since when each one of them is being considered; and

(d) by when Government propose to take a final decision in each case, stating the reasons for delay, if any, in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) The Site Selection Committee set up by the Department of Atomic Energy to determine the sites for future nuclear power stations has submitted its reports evaluating sites in all the four electricity regions of the country viz. Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern regions separately and on different dates. The recommendations of the Committee are under the active considration of Government.

Studies with regard to the prospects of coming Monsoon

3139. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any studies with regard to the prospects of coming monsoon in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of studies conducted and its results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Indian Meteorological Department provides Long Range Forecast for the total quantum/behaviour of monsoon rainfall on the basis of statistical techniques. As meteorological data for various parts of the globe upto the end of May are required to predict the monsoon rainfall, the forecast will be issued only in the month of June.

Redressal of grievances of Public Sector Employees

3140. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are aware of the fact that there is no forum for Public Sector Officers to raise their grievances;

(b) if so, whether Government of India propose to consider the demand of extending the scope Administrative Tribunal to Public Sector Officers which now takes care of Central Government Employees; and

(c) if so, which forum Government of India propose to form to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A model scheme for grievance redressal procedure for staff and officers of the Public Sector Undertakings has been evolved by the Bureau of Public Enterprises. The scheme provides for setting up of grievance redressal committee at Unit/Regional level.

(b) and (c) A provision has been made in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 to bring Public Sector Undertakings|Corporations | Societies under the Central Government, within the purview of the Central Administrative Tribunal by issue of a notification under section 14(2) of the Administrative Tribunals Act. The issue of such a notification covering Public Sector Undertakings may be considered by the Government when the Tribunal is fully equipped to take on the extra work load.

3141. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*]

Public Grievances Committee

3142. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Public Grievances Committees at all the district headquarters in the country; and

(b) if so, by what date the process is likely to be completed and if not, what are the reasns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The responsibility to set up Public Grievances Committees at the District level is directly of the State Governments. However, according to the information available, several States|Union Territories have set up Committees at the District level specifically to deal with public grievances. The Government of India has urged the State Governments from time to time to strengthen their machinery for redressal of public grievances. Recenly, Government of India has been organising workshops for Collectors on responsive district administration, in the course of which also, the need for ensuring a viable Grievances Redressal Committees at the district level has been stressed.

Schemes to minimise wasteful expenditure

3143. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid such a situation as reported in the UNI Report, dated the 24th January, 1988 captioned "Project delays cost Rs. 15000 crores";

(b) whether as brought out in the above news item the reasons are mainly administrative lapses in taking decisions of various factors like project clearance, availability of import licences and similar reasons to avoid waste of such colossal ascarce resources; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to minimise the wasteful expenditure and if so, what are the salient features?